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Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

Docket RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

We join the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to range from 28%-40% or more over five years will not reform the USPS but will have a major negative impact on Not for Profit Charities.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year so when postage goes up we are forced to reduce our mailings. These reductions have a direct impact on our revenue limiting our ability to spend money on critical research and ultimately affecting our mission.

Cost efficient postage is crucial to our organization. The Arthritis Foundation strongly urges the Postal Regulatory Commission to reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah A. Scotti".

Deborah Scotti
Vice President | Individual Giving & Donor Care